

WHITE(S) POND (Concord)

General Information:

This deep, 43-acre natural great pond is located about a half mile north of Route 117 in Concord. Maximum depth is 53 feet; average depth is 30 feet; transparency is 15 feet or better. The bottom is predominantly sand and gravel, and aquatic vegetation is scant. The shorelines are moderately developed, particularly along the northwestern and southeastern shores.

Public access is provided by a gravel ramp on the pond's northeastern tip. It is owned by the Public Access Board and suitable for car top boats and canoes. This access, which includes a parking lot that accommodates approximately six vehicles, is restricted to certain hours of use by the town's daily closure of the gate. There is no fee to launch. **No gas-powered motors are allowed** on the pond, but electric motors are permitted. Access for shoreline fishing is restricted to the area on either side of the launch ramp, and another town-owned area, accessible from Route 117.

Fish Populations:

This pond supports populations of smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, golden shiner, bluegill and pumpkinseed. It is heavily stocked, spring and fall, with rainbow trout, brook trout and brown trout.

Fishing:

While this pond produces an occasional bass and few panfish, the main interest for fishermen has always been the trout. This is undoubtedly one of the better cold water fisheries in eastern Massachusetts, and fishing pressure can be quite high, particularly in the spring and during the ice fishing season. Trout often holdover from year to year and sometimes grow to substantial size. In view of this, White Pond was designated one of seven waters in the state to be placed under special brown trout management regulations. **The daily brown trout limit is now one per day, with a minimum length of 15 inches** (see your "Abstracts"). This new regulation should encourage the growth of browns to large or even trophy proportions.

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